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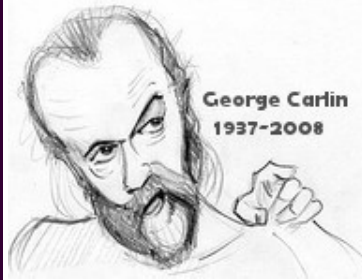
1 - Worker's Day
3 to 5 - Riebeeck Valley Olive Festival
5 - ZS3 Sprint
9 - Ascension Day
10 - Solar eclipse
11 - AWA AM Valve QSO party; Time Aviation SAAF Museum Air Show, AFB Swartkops
12 - AWA SSB Valve QSO party
10 to 12 - Nuy Valley Festival; Celtic Festival, Edenvale
12 - Mother's Day; Mother's Day Vintage Train to Cullinan
16 - Radio Amateur Exam
17 to 19 - Dayton Hamvention, USA
18 - SA AMSAT Space Symposium
18 and 19 - The Day of the YLs'
19 - Pentecost Sunday
23 to 26 - Good Food and Wine Show, Cape Town
24 May to 2 June - The Royal Show, Pietermaritzburg
25 and 26 - CQ WPX CW Contest; Sasol Bird Fair
25 - Lunar eclipse
26 - SARL Digital Contest



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The English Plural according to

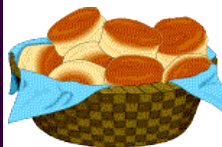


We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes;
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese;
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen ?
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet ?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth ?



Then one may be that, & three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose;
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
We speak of a brother & also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his & him,
But imagine the feminine: she, shis & shim !



Let's face it - English is a crazy language.
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger;
Neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
English muffins weren't invented in England .



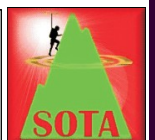
We take English for granted,
but if we explore its paradoxes,
We find that quicksand can work slowly,
boxing rings are square;

A guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.
Why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing,
Grocers don't groce & hammers don't ham ?



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Current Summits-on-the-Air (SOTA) activities are announced at
www.sotawatch.org
And more SOTA information can be found at www.sota.org.uk

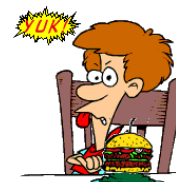


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Doesn't it seem crazy that ...
 you can make amends but not one amend ?
 If you have a bunch of odds and ends ...
 and get rid of all but one of them,
 What do you call it ?



If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught ?
 If a vegetarian eats vegetables,
 what does a humanitarian eat ?



Sometimes I think all people who speak English
 Should be in an asylum for the verbally insane.
 In what other language do people recite at a play,
 and play at a recital ?

We ship by truck but send cargo by ship ...
 We have noses that run & feet that smell;
 We park in a driveway & drive in a parkway.
 And how can a slim chance & a fat chance be the same,
 while a wise man & a wise guy are opposites ?



You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language
 in which your house can burn up as it burns down;
 In which you fill in a form by filling
 it out,
 & in which an alarm goes off by going on.
 And in closing

If Father is Pop
 how come Mother's not Mop ? ? ?



Have **YOU** done
 anything today
 to Promote
Amateur Radio?

DARC-DX-University

The DARC chose the topic "Adventurous Amateur Radio - DXpedition" for the 2013 Ham-Radio fair at Friedrichshafen. Part of that will be a DX-University on Friday, 28 June, set up with support from DX-University (www.dxuniversity.com). All amateurs interested in DX, the seasoned DXer, the DXpeditionners, newcomers etc. are welcome as participants. Most of the day's lectures will be in German though.

Programme: Opening at 12:00 - DL2VFR followed by ClubLog in English, presented by G7VJR then in German - DXCC and the LotW by DK5DC, Lowband DX by DL3DXX, DCL & DML by DL6MHW and ending off with Best Practices for DXpedition Operation by DJ9ZB. The programme should finish around 17:00.

For planning purposes, a registration is necessary. All participants will receive lecture scripts, a certificate of participation and a surprise gift. A fee applies, with special rates for DARC members and international guests. Young amateurs may get their fee covered by a "scholarship."

Visit <http://www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de/ham-en/> for information on Ham Radio 2013



DXCC News

1984 Operation to Cocos Island Now Approved for DXCC Credit

The February 1984 operation to TI9CCC, Cocos Island, has now been approved for DXCC credit. In the past, radio amateurs who have submitted this operation on a DXCC application had it rejected due to an "incorrect date period." According to DXCC Manager Bill Moore, NC1L, the date issue has now been resolved: "If you had this operation rejected, and your confirmation falls within 15 to 28 February 1984, please send an e-mail to bmoore@arrl.org so you can be placed on the list for an update to your record."



The following operation has been approved for DXCC credit: Ghana, 9G5EME, 2013 operation.

Thanks, Tjerk, ZS6P

ARRL Announces New Version of LoTW Software

After much testing, the ARRL will release a new version of Trusted QSL, the open-source development project responsible for developing and maintaining the three Logbook of the World (LoTW) <http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world> client-side applications: TQSL, TQSLCert and the TrustedQSL library. After six weeks of public beta testing, version 1.14 is ready for official release and will be available for download from the ARRL website beginning Monday 20 May.



In December 2012, Dave Bernstein, AA6YQ, and Rick Murphy, K1MU, recruited a group of volunteer software developers to contribute to this project. After considering input from ARRL management and the ARRL's LoTW user support group in the League's Membership and Volunteer Services Department, as well as the ARRL-LoTW e-mail discussion group on Yahoo! Groups, the volunteer development group put forward a set of priorities that would be addressed by a sequence of incremental software releases.

A small group of testers began exercising version 1.14 in March 2013; this testing exposed several defects, all of which have been corrected. Testing then progressed to an open beta test period that allowed interested parties to download, install and try out this newest version of Trusted QSL.

The initial release in this sequence, version 1.14, includes these new features: Log files can be signed and uploaded over the internet to LoTW in one operation. Errors in Station Locations are reported (for example, incorrect CQ and ITU zones).

QSOs that need not be re-submitted ("duplicates") are brought to the user's attention.

Error reporting has been improved.

Installation on *Windows* has been improved.

Users are notified when a new version becomes available.

Documentation has been improved.

Upgrading to version 1.14 is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Users who choose not to upgrade will not be able to access the new features in version 1.14, but they will still be able to upload logs into the LoTW system.

"Will the passengers who took the 14:15 train to Worcester from Platform 7, please return it!"



2012 CQ WW DX CW Results

The May 2013 issue of CQ magazine carries the results of the 2012 CQ WW DX CW Contest and I think a good showing by Southern African stations.

Congratulations to Bernie van der Walt, ZS4TX, achieving second place world wide in the Single Operator, High Power, 15 metre category. I see Donovan, ZS2DL, and his bunch of merry men, cleverly disguised as 7P8D did well, taken second place in Africa and 41st out of 72 worldwide in the Multi-operator Two-transmitter category.

The * indicates low power and the second A in the band column indicates Assisted (no Mrs Rubenstein, not that assisted!). Logs received late are shown in italics - but you know who you are, so I left it out!

Well done everybody. The CQ WW WPX CW is on the air on the weekend of 25 and 26 May. Get the rules at www.cqwpw.com/rules.htm

	Band	Score	QSOs	Zones	Countries
Single operator					
Andrew, V51YJ	21	320 117	808	32	107
Vidi, ZS1EL	A	1 458 474	1 968	72	186
Bernie, ZS4TX	21	1972 120	3 583	39	149
Johan, ZS2I	A*	516 534	1009	53	144
Barry, ZS2NF	A*	285 752	353	63	121
Jacques, ZS1JY	A*	125 048	285	59	95
Joop, ZS6C	A*	21 328	118	30	56
Allan, ZS1LS	AA	15 100	70	37	63
Pierre, ZS6A	28A	4 727	61	12	17
Karel, ZS6WN	AA*	148 575	309	56	119
Multi-operator Two transmitter					
Donovan and the gang, 7P8D		6 727 212	5 408	130	356

A check log from Bruce, ZS5XT

African DX

South Sudan, Z8. The following is a press release from Martti, OH2BH, dated May 15th [edited]: "As part of the 2 April 2013, visit to South Sudan by a delegation headed by the Foreign Minister of Finland, several supporting elements were discussed. Just three weeks later, following a series of meetings focusing on practical matters in Juba, there was a high-level presentation, with relevant endorsements, made to the South Sudan government. The presentation was made with a view toward enlisting support on telecommunications matters in general and Amateur Radio's role in society in particular. Ultimately, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed specifying several elements of Amateur Radio as a study case for

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local administrators. These elements include Amateur Radio's role in society, frequency allocations, regulatory matters and promotion of Amateur Radio as part of an educational agenda. The MoU calls for a workshop to be held for the senior staff of the Ministry of Telecommunications and Postal Services. Members of the Ministry of Higher Education and the Research and Technology agency will also attend the workshop.

In early June, a senior South Sudan telecommunications official will attend an IARU Administrator's Course in Accra, Ghana to observe ITU and IARU. This travel will be made possible thanks to the valuable support of the Yasme Foundation www.yasme.org.

As Amateur Radio is only provisionally regulated in South Sudan, the Radio Arcala Fellowship Group of Finland, OH8X, was granted a provisional license, Z81X, to facilitate operating events during visits by the project representatives. We expect that Z81X will be activated several times during the course of this project, notably on low bands and in CQ WW Contests.

Just today, the initial Z81X activity, with one radio only, was concluded with more than 20 000 QSOs. QSOs were split evenly between the three major population areas of the world - Europe 8 693 (43%), North America 5 774 (29%) and Asia 5 162 (26%). The Finnish duo, Olli, OH0XX, and Martti, OH2BH, has now returned to their native Finland www.qrz.com/db/Z81X.

As the entire project is carried out on a voluntary basis, the group will accept donations to be used solely for offsetting direct project expenses incurred in South Sudan. ClubLog OQRS is now active for QSL requests (bureau or direct) and project support.

We are pleased to acknowledge the support of Mr. Pekka Haavisto, the Finnish Foreign Minister's Special Representative to the Horn of Africa and Sudan. We also acknowledge the supporting efforts of Mr. Amul Behera of Rock City Investments, Juba, Dr Anu Kantele of Helsinki University Central Hospital, Massimo, Z81B (IZ0EGB), Diya, Z81D (YI1DZ) and Ken, Z81Z (K4ZW) for supporting the project and welcoming the latest country of the world to the valued ranks of Amateur Radio. Z81X QSL manager is OH0XX, QRZ.com."

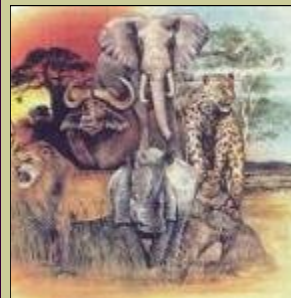
Senegal, 6V. Vladimir "Vlad", RK4FF, will once again be active as 6V7S from Le Calao in Ngaparou until 30 May. Activity is on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY. He is scheduled to be here two more times this year 10 to 16 July and 22 October to 27 November. QSL via RK4FF.

African Islands

Djerba Island, AF-083. A short video is available on the Web on the recent TS8TI DXpedition to Djerba Island by ARAT and Italian Team. The link is www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_qXTuF9CgM. The photos and videos are all available on the ARAT Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/arat.tunisia and www.laselsinki.net/vb/showthread.php?p=52261#post52261

Madeira. Operators Winfried, DK9IP, Andree, DL8LAS, and Holger, DL9EE, will be active as CR3L for the CQ WW WPX CW Contest, 25 and 26 May, from Santana, Ilha da Madeira (IOTA AF-014, DIP MA-001, PIP MD-001, WLOTA 0053, WW Loc IM12nt). Plans are for a Multi-? entry. QSL via DJ6QT.

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Ascension Island, ZD8. An international team of 3 operators, led by Oliver, W6NV, plan to operate M/S from Ascension Island (IOTA AF-003, WLOTA 1491, Grid Loc II22) as ZD8W in the CQ WW DX CW Contest, 23 and 24 November, with HF and 6-metre activity outside the contest, 19 to 22 November. QSL via W6NV.

Contest Calendar

The Day of YLs

06:00 UTC 18 May - 18:00 UTC 19 May

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op; Rover; Rookie

Exchange: RS(T) and YL/OM

QSO Points: 1 per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 26 June 2013

E-mail logs to: f5isy@orange.fr

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.grz.com/db/F5ISY

UN DX Contest

09:00 UTC 18 May to 09:00 UTC 19 May

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed - low or high; Single Op High Bands; Single Op Low Bands; Multi-Op Single Transmitter; SWL

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: Kazakhstan: RS(T) and District Code; non-Kazakhstan: RS(T) and QSO no

Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with same country; 3 points per QSO with different country, same continent; 5 points per QSO with different continent; non-Kazakhstan: 10 points per QSO with Kazakhstan station

Multipliers: Each KDA district once per band; Each DXCC country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 20 June 2013

E-mail logs to: UNDXC2013@MAIL.RU

Mail logs to: UN DX Contest, PO Box 88, 010000 Astana, Kazakhstan

Find rules at: http://kw.kfrr.kz/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=164%3Aundxc2013e&catid=37&Itemid=64

EU PSK DX Contest

12:00 UTC 18 May to 12:00 UTC 19 May

Mode: BPSK63

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - high or QRP

Single Op 2 Radio - high

Single Op All Band Portable - high

Single Op All Band - YM, YL or OM - 12 h; Single Op Low Bands - high; Single Op

High Bands - high; Single Op Single Band - high; Multi-Single - YM or OM;

Multi-Multi - YM or OM

Max power: HP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: EU: RST and EU area code; non-EU: RST and QSO no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with different country, same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; non-EU Stations: 5 points per QSO with EU
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each EU area code once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 24 May 2013

Upload log at:

http://ua9qcq.com/contests/submit_log_eng.php

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.epc-ru.ru/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1144&Itemid=79

Aegean RTTY Contest

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This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 13 to 20 May 2013



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12:00 UTC 18 May to 12:00 UTC 19 May

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op

Exchange: RST and QSO no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 15 June 2013

E-mail logs to: sv8cyr@gmail.com

Mail logs to: Aegean RTTY Contest, PO Box 04, 83100 Samos Hellas, Greece

Find rules at:

www.aegeandxgroup.gr/AEGEAN-RTTY-CONTEST-RULES.php

His Majesty the King of Spain CW Contest

12:00 UTC 18 May to 12:00 UTC 19 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op

Exchange: EA: RST and province; non-EA: RST and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each EA province once per band; Each EADX100 entity, except EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 10 June 2013

E-mail logs to: smreycw@ure.es

Mail logs to: URE HF Contests, PO Box 220, 28080 Madrid, Spain

Find rules at:

www.ure.es/contest/431-sm-el-rey-contest-english-version.html

Feld Hell Sprint

16:00 - 18:00 UTC 18 May

Mode: Feld Hell

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 25 May 2013

E-mail logs to: kj8o@wowway.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprint-rules>

Baltic Contest

21:00 UTC 18 May to 02:00 UTC 19 May

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op CW/SSB; Single Op CW; Single Op SSB; Multi-Single; SWL

Exchange: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per mode

QSO Points: ES/YL/LY Stations: 1 point per QSO with EU; ES/YL/LY Stations:

2 points per QSO with non-EU; EU Stations: 10 points per QSO with ES/YL/LY;

EU Stations: 1 point per QSO with non-EU; non-EU Stations: 20 points per

QSO with ES/YL/LY; non-EU Stations: 1 point per QSO with non-ES/YL/LY

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 10 June 2013

E-mail logs to: lrsf@lrsf.lt

Mail logs to: Baltic Contest, PO Box 210, LT-44003 Kaunas, Lithuania

Find rules at:

www.lrsf.lt/bcontest/english/rules_html.htm

UA2 QSO Party

13:00 - 16:59 UTC 19 May

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

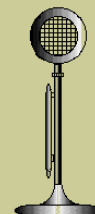
Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed; Multi-Single; Junior Multi-Single; SWL

Exchange: UA2: RS(T) and RDA ID; non-UA2: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-UA2 station; 5 points per QSO with

UA2 station



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Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 19 June 2013

E-mail logs to: ua2ff@grz.ru

Mail logs to: Dmitry Gorshkov, PO Box 73, Kaliningrad 236000, Russia

Find rules at:

www.grz.ru/contest/detail/382.html

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

01:00 - 03:00 UTC 20 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 26 May 2013

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://fpqrp.org/pigrun/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://fpqrp.org/pigrun/>

Next Week's Contest

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 22 May

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 22 May and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 23 May

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, CW, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 23 May

NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 24 May

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW, 00:00 UTC 25 May to 23:59 UTC 26 May

Portuguese Navy Day Contest, Digital, 08:00 - 20:00 UTC 25 May

QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint, 20:00 local - 23:59 local 25 May

SARL Digital Contest, 13:00 - 16:00 UTC 26 May

MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint, 23:00 UTC 27 May to 03:00 UTC 28 May

History This Week for the week starting 13 May

1787 - Glass was engraved for the first time in Toulouse, France

1857 - The first US patent for an "electromagnetic fire alarm telegraph for cities" was issued to W F Channing of Boston, Mass

1890 - Nikola Tesla was issued a patent for an electric generator (No 428,057).1890

1913 - First 4 engine aircraft built and flown by Igor Sikorsky in Russia

1943 - During WW II, "bouncing bombs" invented by Dr Barnes Wallis were dropped on the Mohne and Eder dams in the Ruhr area of Germany

1955 - The highly classified US patent (No 2,708,656) for the first atomic pile was finally issued, 11 years after it had been filed (*what did you expect from a Government department?*)

1963 - A laser light beam link first carried the TV signal during a network broadcast

2013 - Mr and Mrs ZS4BS confined to barracks following an attack of the dreaded lurgi, cleverly disguised as a strain of Icelandic/Dutch/airplane flu wrapped in string and tied with brown paper

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